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Saving the Family Farm A Recipe for Success





KENDALL'S CORNER

The Gift

Since wrapping up the *Landscapes & Landmarks* Capital Campaign in June, we have found ourselves living in a new world. Over the last five years, our network of special places, friends, partners, staff and volunteers has grown exponentially, and with it, our ability to make a difference in helping preserve quality of life for people all across Massachusetts.

The campaign helped us acquire 10 reservations, launch exciting new programs, refurbish houses, barns and gardens, and establish funds to conserve land in key regions, including the Berkshires. The campaign also revealed the remarkable contributions individuals make to our legacy of preserved land, to the inspiration of young people, to preserving a sense of community, to the collective joy of our enterprise. From Joan Appleton to Boston Natural Areas Networks' chairwoman, Genie Beal, from timber framer Mack Phinney to Congressman John Olver, this issue of *Special Places* celebrates exceptional people who have given their time and talent this year to make Massachusetts a better place.

I'd like to take this opportunity to mention one more. Tom Foster, our Vice President for Field Operations, is retiring this month after

31 years with The Trustees. Tom signed on in 1975 as Superintendent for the South Shore Management Unit. With a ready smile and a can-do attitude, Tom grew with the organization, taking on the Southeast Region in 1978, then the Southeast and Islands in 1985, focusing again on the mainland in 1992 and ultimately taking charge of the entire Field Operations division in July 2002. Tom knows the ins and outs of all our Reservations. He's our institutional memory and often, our Master of Ceremonies. There is nothing we can give Tom that matches what he has given us: his thoughtfulness, even temper, enthusiasm, and sense of humor will be sorely missed. He is leaving us to pursue some exciting volunteer opportunities, and well, just have a life. We are very grateful, and we wish him all the best.

Once again, I would like to thank the more than 13,000 donors to the campaign. You can find your name, and the final campaign report, at www.thetrustees.org along with The Trustees' 2006 annual report. As you see how much we have been able to accomplish with your help, you may be reminded as I am of Margaret Mead's famous saying: "Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has."

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Andy Kendall
PRESIDENT



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ON THE COVER: East Over Reservation, Rochester
JILL KATZ

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1 bold proposal

A pinch of opposition (just enough
to mobilize the masses)

377 "yes" votes at Town Meeting

\$5,000,000 from people who care

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Everyone, forever

By Steve Sloan & Kathleen McKenna



Saving A Recipe



the Family Farm place for Success



ON OCTOBER 14, THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS INVITED the entire town of Rochester, Massachusetts (population 4,581) to a party: the gala opening ceremony of The Trustees' 96th property, East Over Reservation.

"East Over has a special place in the hearts of the townspeople of Rochester," says Michael Labossiere, superintendent of the Buzzard's Bay and Cape Cod management units. "We're partners here, fifty-fifty."

The deal between the town of Rochester – with funds also contributed by the neighboring town of Marion – and The Trustees represents a promising partnership between a municipality and a land trust that have worked together to protect a local icon from development. In fact, all signs on East Over Reservation bear the logo of The Trustees as well as the town of Rochester.

"The people of Rochester have each contributed to see that this land was protected," Labossiere says. "That's one reason East Over is so special."

In communities across the state, The Trustees hope to work with other towns to preserve places like East Over – a nearly 775-acre farm along the Sippican River remarkable not only for its agricultural bounty, including cranberry and blueberry bogs, but for its vernal pools, rolling hay fields, and two miles of granite stone walls, built in the 1800s by a New Bedford stoneworker.

Nestled into the landscape are clusters of historic homes and farm buildings built in the 18th and 19th centuries – all



Cutting the ribbon while the town looks on. LEFT TO RIGHT: Andy Kendall

painted the same shade of "Hiller" yellow by the Hiller family, who still live on the farm and run their cranberry business. The Hiller's also operate a farm stand selling pumpkins, fresh corn, ice cream and more.

The farm, says Susan Peterson, clerk of the Rochester Land Trust which was also involved in the deal, has "such a feeling of peacefulness and elegance, with the sugar maples lining the land and the glorious stone walls. It's almost a religious experience."

The property, which will open to the public in phases, is a "rolling work in progress," according to Labossiere. The woodlands along the Sippican River will be opened in 2007.

Now, visitors can hike trails that cross hayfields on agricultural easements over 75 acres of land. The Hillers' farm stand is ideally located at the end of the walking trails, and Leonard's Pond is just a stroll away. Dogs – on leashes – are welcomed.

The Trustees expect East Over Reservation to be a popular destination for wildlife watchers due to its vernal pools and lush meadows.

"There are lots of nuance-y aspects to this beautiful property," says Labossiere, "and many reasons to come back again and again."

Bob Hiller, 79, is grateful to the people of his hometown and The Trustees for saving his family farm. Born and raised on Eastover, he was distraught several years ago when he felt he had no choice but to sell the land to real estate developers.

"We had to sell in order to survive," Hiller says.

to sell their farms and get out of the business while the getting was good. For Hiller, though, that was a last resort.

"We've been stewards of the land here for nearly one hundred years," he says. "The last thing we wanted to see was the farm turned into a housing development or a shopping mall."

Then The Trustees stepped in. Determined to curb the loss of farms and forests in southeastern Massachusetts, The Trustees approached the Hiller family in 2002 about acquiring the property.

"We had just come to terms with the fact that the cranberry collapse was going to require that we sell all or most of our land," Bob Hiller says. "Timing was critical. And The Trustees made an offer that would enable us to preserve the land and possibly save our business."

The Trustees and the Hillers agreed on a \$5.7 million dollar



President, & David Croll, board member, The Trustees of Reservations; Russ Keeler, President, Rochester Land Trust; & Rick Nunes, Rochester Selectman.

In 1912, Hiller's grandfather and his brother bought the land, in part because they needed water to nurture their expanding cranberry operation downstream (the farm included an historic mill which had rights to the water in Leonard's Pond and the Sippican River). The brothers later established a dairy farm at the property. Life on the farm was good until the late 1990s, when cranberry production spread from Massachusetts to Canada, South America and the western United States, causing the price of the fruit to drop by 75 percent.

It wasn't long before Massachusetts cranberry growers realized that – due to the real estate boom – they had a timely chance

deal to acquire 375 acres outright as well as conservation restrictions on the farm's remaining 400 acres over a two-year period. But making the deal a reality was complicated.

Wesley Ward, Vice President of Land Conservation for The Trustees, says that the key to the deal was forming a broad partnership to preserve the property.

"We thought that we could raise between \$2 million and \$3 million privately," he says. "But the rest would have to come from public funding sources."

Although both the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and the Division of Conservation Services supported

the project, there was little the state could contribute. It quickly became apparent that the residents of Rochester and Marion – mainly Rochester, since that’s where most of East Over’s land value is – would have to play a role in the acquisition.

The Rochester Land Trust helped The Trustees develop a proposal for the largest conservation bond in the town’s history: \$1.75 million. Then it was time to go to the people of Rochester. Without their support, everyone knew, the deal would never become reality.

On a March evening in 2003, a town meeting was called, and nearly 400 people – a tenth of the town – showed up. The size of the crowd exceeded the meeting room’s capacity and the fire marshal nearly sent everyone home. But, when a few dozen citizens offered to listen to the presentation from the

dedication to preserving their town’s character and heritage was appreciated.

In early 2006, the complicated sale – which required no fewer than 13 separate closings over a period of three years – was completed.

“We’re holding this up as a model of what can happen when people work together,” says Labossiere, who points out that “loads of departments,” including the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Conservation Services, the Rochester Land Trust, the Town of Rochester, and the Marion Open Space Commission, were involved. “It’s a stunning property, one that everybody notices. It’s created quite a chatter in town, lots of anticipation. People are excited and so are we.”

LEFT TO RIGHT: Commander, the Hiller’s Clydesdale. The people of Rochester, “partners here, fifty-fifty.”



hallway outside the room and a dozen more agreed to sit on the stage behind the projection screen, the meeting proceeded. And finally, the people of Rochester accomplished what they showed up for. They voted in favor of the bond – which meant a nearly \$2 million investment of their tax dollars – to save East Over by a wide margin of 377 to 16.

“Once the bond passed, we knew the farm was saved,” says Susan Peterson of the Rochester Land Trust.

Soon after, The Trustees named the citizens of Rochester “Conservationists of the Year” and offered every family in town a free one-year membership to The Trustees of Reservations. It was a small thank-you to the townspeople to show that their

Rochester is a small town, with a population of just 4,581. Trustees’ president Andy Kendall notes that if every town in Massachusetts contributed a proportional sum to save the places they care about, there would be more than \$2 billion of new money available for conservation projects. “Just think how many East Overs we could save,” he says.

In fact, The Trustees are hoping to work with towns throughout Massachusetts to identify their signature properties – the fields and forests that no one can imagine losing – and collaborate to save them from development.

“The people of Rochester pulled together to preserve East Over because its development was unthinkable,” says

David Croll, who led the fundraising effort for The Trustees. "As development pressure grows, we want to help communities preserve places that define their character and make them worth living in."

The Trustees believe that the East Over deal was a success because it combined the three indispensable ingredients of successful land preservation: a town committed to preserving its character and history; a family determined to preserve the land that nurtured them; and an organization devoted to saving the irreplaceable for everyone, forever.

Now that's a recipe for success.

Steve Sloan is the Southeast Regional Director for The Trustees of Reservations.

Kathleen McKenna is a freelance writer.

The Hiller's Farm Stand is open from May to November. Cranberries ready to harvest.



2006 ANNUAL APPEAL Landscapes & Landmarks Fund

EACH YEAR AT THIS TIME WE ASK YOU TO make a contribution, over and above your much appreciated membership dues.

Your gift to the annual *Landscapes & Landmarks Fund* will allow us to preserve land and habitat, maintain our reservations and historic collections, and engage and inspire tomorrow's conservationists.

This year your generosity, at whatever level you can afford, is especially critical because we continue to lose land to of development at an alarming rate – and with it the landscapes and landmarks that make Massachusetts the place we want to call home.

Making your gift to the *Landscapes & Landmarks Fund* is easier than ever. You can use the Annual Appeal packet that was recently mailed to you or donate online at www.thetrustees.org. Now is the time to save our land and heritage. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Working Together for a Greener Boston

ON SEPTEMBER 16 AT CITY NATIVES NURSERY IN MATTAPAN, Boston Mayor Tom Menino and DCR Commissioner Steve Burrington helped celebrate the permanent affiliation of The Trustees of Reservations and Boston Natural Areas Network (BNAN). Founded in Boston in 1891 by open space visionary Charles Eliot, The Trustees have never had a Boston presence... until now. Trustees' President Andy Kendall and BNAN President Valerie Burns explain how two unlikely partners have come to keep open space advocacy alive and well in Boston.

How did The Trustees and BNAN connect with each other and then discover that your work dovetailed?

Andy Kendall: The idea first came up in 2000 when we learned that some of Boston's community gardening organizations were closing their doors. We had been thinking of expanding our urban conservation efforts but when these organizations shut down, the future of open-space protection in Boston

became an open question. So we approached BNAN and asked how we could help. Together, we tackled the rehabilitation of old gardens, and prepared some new gardens that they acquired. We were able to help do a lot of work that would have been impossible for BNAN to do with current staff and resources, and from there we could see the opportunity going forward.

Valerie Burns: In 2000, as other organizations were contracting, BNAN's work was rapidly expanding. We had been around since 1977, working on urban land conservation, but as a result of a merger with a garden services group, we assumed responsibility for organizing, educating and supporting all of Boston's 175 community gardens and 10,000 gardeners. We were very grateful for The Trustees' offer of assistance with some large-scale maintenance projects, and as we began to work together, we discovered how much we had in common, although we were working on a different scale and in a very different context.

What does the affiliation mean for each organization?

VALERIE BURNS: The affiliation gives Boston a new ally with a remarkable track record in conservation, and it lets us accelerate our land protection efforts, focusing on conservation in Boston neighborhoods underserved by the traditional park systems. We often work on challenging sites along rivers or the harbor, projects that can take years to complete. For example, BNAN began the Neponset River Greenway project in 1994 to create a linear park connecting Boston Harbor to the Blue Hills. Over 12 years, we have helped leverage \$30 million in public investment to turn 2.5 miles of railroad tracks into a bike path and create nearly 100 acres of new parks. Residents are passionate about the vision but need a long-term, non-governmental partner to make it happen. That is BNAN's role and now with The Trustees, we hope to be able to make it happen faster, and expand our reach.

ANDY KENDALL: It's simple — our agenda for Boston is to support BNAN's agenda. The Trustees' board will include two BNAN directors, and BNAN's board will include two from The Trustees. Of course, there's a financial element to this: together we've raised \$4 million to establish a permanent endowment for BNAN. But the affiliation means more than money: It means that we are going to work together for the benefit of everyone who lives in or visits the city.

What are the future plans for The Trustees and BNAN?

VALERIE BURNS: BNAN's strategic plan is the roadmap, beginning with completing greenways in East Boston and along the Neponset River, and improving the stewardship of community gardens. Boston's remaining unprotected natural areas, called Urban Wilds, will be the focus of a new outreach and advocacy campaign. Together, we are talking with friends, neighbors and public and non-profit partners to identify priority projects that are a good match for our combined skills.

ANDY KENDALL: The affiliation has strengthened our commitment to improving the quality of life in Boston, and boosted BNAN's capacity to make it happen. But basically, we want to learn from BNAN. They have such expertise and experience with community activism and urban conservation that they are a tremendous resource for us. Our affiliation with BNAN is a key step to providing special places for people in urban areas, and mobilizing a greater force for conservation across the Commonwealth. As we go forward, I think people will see that this is not only a win for Boston, but a victory for Massachusetts.

BELOW: Boston Mayor Tom Menino, DCR Commissioner Steve Burrell, and Trustees' President Andy Kendall, gardeners and open space advocates applaud the affiliation; BNAN President Valerie Burns with a jar of "affiliation honey" from BNAN's bees.



SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN

Wade Right In

by Martha Eddison

BY LATE SPRING, COPICUT WOODS BOASTS A RANGE of bright, low-growing wildflowers – and, thanks to The Trustees, some equally hardy and cheerful full-sized teenagers. Common name: The Bioreserve Youth Corps (BYC). A few, like Chancery Perks, a recent graduate of Bristol County Agricultural High School, have been friends with nature all their lives. More typical is Amanda Delima, also a new Bristol Aggie alum, where she got interested in the outdoors for the first time and focused on natural resource management. Through her job with the BYC, she now feels more at home in the woods than she ever dreamed. “My mom really likes it that I do this. She’s proud because I’m taking a totally different path than anyone else we know,” says Amanda, who will study land management at Bridgewater State College.

Although Copicut Woods and the larger Bioreserve lie just 10 minutes from the center of Fall River, they remain largely unknown and even mysterious to the neighboring population. In fact, for many years Fall River’s watershed was so rigidly protected that “What people knew about the land,” says Mike Labossiere, Superintendent of the Buzzards Bay/Cape Cod

Management Unit, “was that you weren’t allowed to go there.” By opening the Copicut Woods section to public use and reaching out to local schools and community groups, The Trustees are gradually dissolving those barriers. For Sam Phin,

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LANDSCAPES & LANDMARKS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2001-2005

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You rallied. Thank you.

So what did the campaign add up to?

LANDSCAPES & LANDMARKS

On June 30, 2006, The Trustees wrapped up the largest fundraising campaign for the environment in Massachusetts history. In terms of acres protected, projects launched, dollars raised and hearts won, the *Landscapes & Landmarks* campaign was a remarkable inspiration. It was also a wonderful reminder that "The Trustees" is *plural* for a reason: Every inch of our progress is a triumph of teamwork in the grandest sense. Through the united efforts of our staff, board members, volunteers, donors, members and friends, The Trustees have become a potent force in preserving the places, experiences and quality of life that make living in Massachusetts so special. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you.

Our work is as urgent as ever, and there is much to be done in the years ahead. So, to all of you who contributed to the campaign's success, in whatever way, at whatever scale – please know how delighted I am to serve with you as "Trustees."

F. Sydney Smithers IV
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

New Reservations \$9.4 million

CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES:

- Establish reservations where people and threatened landscapes align
- Connect urban-dwellers to local natural and cultural heritage
- Engage new partners to protect land in underserved communities

COPICUT WOODS, FALL RIVER | 496 acres

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, WALPOLE | 89 acres

THEODORE LYMAN RESERVE, PLYMOUTH,
WAREHAM & BOURNE | 210 acres

MOOSE HILL FARM, SHARON | 350 acres

EAST OVER RESERVATION, ROCHESTER | 75 acres

LITTLE TOM MOUNTAIN, HOLYOKE | 73 acres

SIGNAL HILL, CANTON | 100 acres

HILLTOP FARM, LAKEVILLE | 90 acres

BAKER RESERVATION, MILLIS | 54 acres

APTHORP PROPERTY, CONCORD | 4 acres

Accelerating Land Conservation \$19.9 million

CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES:

- Seize high-priority land protection opportunities
- Build the conservation community and invest in coalition building
- Establish funds to leverage public and private conservation dollars

DOYLE CONSERVATION CENTER, LEOMINSTER
New energy-efficient building with meeting space for 150.

PUTNAM CONSERVATION INSTITUTE (PCI)
Established training program for land and community preservation advocates.

HIGHLAND COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (HCI)
Launched grassroots initiative to preserve the hill towns of western Massachusetts.

BERKSHIRE CONSERVATION LEGACY FUND
New land protection fund for the Berkshires.

WESTPORT LAND PROTECTION
Partnership to protect fields, farms, and wetlands in Westport.

PROTECTING CRITICAL LANDS
Protected key lands abutting existing reservations.

MASSACHUSETTS LANDSCAPE LEGACY FUND
Launched new fund to support high-priority projects.

LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM ENDOWMENT
Raised new endowment to strengthen conservation restriction monitoring.

Protecting Our Treasures \$16.9 million

CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES:

- Complete all property management plans
- Address deferred maintenance and upgrade infrastructure
- Restore the grandeur of iconic properties
- Provide long-term care of the objects and archives

ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER
Raised funds to acquire a climate-controlled facility for historical records and material culture.

LONG HILL, BEVERLY
Completed first phase of long-range plan to develop a horticultural center serving the North Shore.

CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH
Restored buildings and gardens and upgraded electrical and fire protection systems.

APPLETON FARMS, HAMILTON & IPSWICH
Restored 25 buildings in the farm core, maintained trails, and launched a Community Supported Agriculture Program.

MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRAM
Raised funds to prepare comprehensive management plans for all properties.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Installed modern equipment to enhance communications.

Engaging Tomorrow's Conservationists \$5.8 million

CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES:

- Use reservations to connect people to place
- Actively engage new and diverse constituencies
- Inspire people to care for the places and experiences we all value

STATEWIDE EDUCATION PROGRAM
Hired a Director of Education, trained staff in program development and delivery, and created new programs.

CHARLES ELIOT FUND
New endowment to connect urban residents to nature in their communities.

OUTREACH INITIATIVE
Redesigned materials and message. Invested in visitor service training for front-line staff.

RESERVATIONS AS CLASSROOMS
Established new or expanded programs in Holyoke, Fall River, Hingham, Ipswich, Martha's Vineyard and Cape Ann.

VOLUNTEER INITIATIVE
Hired a Director of Volunteers to recruit a cadre of willing helpers.

BOSTON NATURAL AREAS NETWORK (BNAN)
Established permanent affiliation with Boston's leading open space organization.

Unrestricted Gifts \$11 million

Used to support broad campaign priorities.

Grand Total \$63 million

In addition, land (or interest in land) was donated with an estimated value of \$35 million.

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a Cambodian who emigrated to the US when he was three and is now studying art at UMass Dartmouth, the connection came through his membership in the Khmer Art Club, which partnered with The Trustees to create a parade float for Earth Day. "I never heard of this place," says Sam, "until I found out about it through The Trustees." He now knows it well enough that he drew the botanical illustrations for the BYC guide to local wildflowers.

The students work side by side with Mike and Bioreserve Education Coordinator Linton Harrington, taking hands-on responsibility for managing the property. Their projects include using GPS technology to pinpoint vernal pools, collecting scientifically valid soil and water data for a major global initiative on climate change, and building footbridges through swampy areas using the split trunks of locusts and cedars from the site. Some BYC members also helped construct the "Ed Shed" (SEE BELOW.) Future plans are even more ambitious, including an archeological dig around the old farm foundations, which today only hint at the past, as in the lilacs that seem to mark an old kitchen garden.

The Trustees launched the BYC as a way of giving young people a chance to connect constructively with nature – as well as to avoid the dead-end grind of so many teenage jobs. For the students who've participated, it's worked better than we could have hoped. As Amanda explains, "I've gotten scholarships through having this job, from a garden center and flower shop. It's really a great opportunity, for the experience and for my resume!"

Some of the most important benefits are harder to measure, but may be even more profound. Says David Heng, a student at BMC Durfee High School: "Working out here, I don't wear a jacket in the winter, and I've never gotten a cold." Sam would probably agree: as he explains, part of the pleasure of coming to Copicut is the simple fact that "You just feel different when you breathe the air."

Martha Eddison is a freelance writer who regrets that her life in Cambridge offers so few excuses to step out in chest-high waders.

THE ED SHED

Nothing says "building site" quite like the scream of a skill saw – unless the building is a post-and-beam shelter: the site is the unelectrified heart of Copicut Woods, and the person in charge is a timber framer like Mack Phinney, who favors the spent power of chisels so sharp they can shave the hair off your arm. Known as the Ed Shed because it will host educational programs, the shelter isn't far from the stony footprints of a long-vanished 19th century farm house and barn, which almost certainly were built in a similar post-and-beam style.

Under Mack's direction, the building crew included devoted adult volunteers and members of the Bioreserve Youth Corps – especially a young man named Chancery Perks. A retired high school science teacher, Mack loves to pass on his many skills, from blacksmithing to timber

framing. In Chance, he found an exceptionally ready student: "There are 45-degree braces in every joint," says Mack. "You use the Pythagorean theorem, and cut them to 1/32nd of an inch. I had Chance do all the measuring and cutting, and I said it would fit perfectly. He was skeptical! But when it did fit, Chance said, 'Math was always my worst subject. If someone had just taught it to me this way!' It was maybe the most thrilling moment in my 35 years of teaching. I thought, 'We're building a lot more than a shed.'"



HONOR AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE PUBLIC TRUST

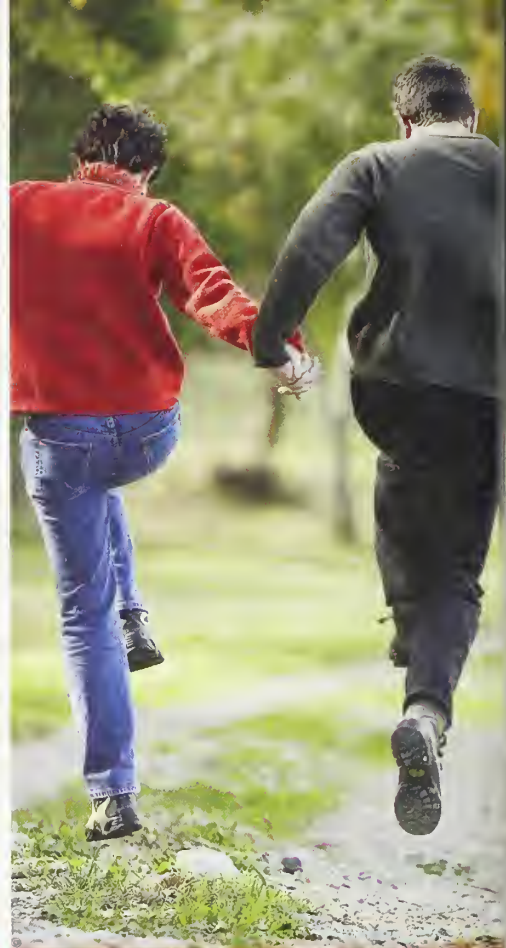
By David Bryant

FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS, THE BACKBONE FOR OUR CONSERVATION WORK has been the many thousands of citizen-volunteers who have helped us to protect more than 55,000 acres across Massachusetts. And since that spring of 1891, when the state legislature voted to establish The Trustees of Public Reservations for the purpose of “acquiring, holding, maintaining, and opening to the public beautiful and historic places within the Commonwealth,” we have enjoyed the support of conscientious public officials whose commitment to serve the public is closely aligned with our conservation and preservation efforts.

Our good fortune continues to the present day, with support from many local, state, and federal officials, though none has been more committed to our cause than Congressman John Olver, as he has demonstrated again in recent years: leading the effort to establish the Silvio Conte National Wildlife Area; working with Conte NWR staff to preserve the former Mt. Tom Ski Area (which The Trustees purchased along with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management (now, part of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)) and the Holyoke Boys & Girls Club); and securing funds from Save America’s Treasures, a national public-private partnership formed to help preserve and protect threatened cultural and historic resources like the William Cullen Bryant Homestead in Cummington.

For more than thirty-five years, Mr. Olver has served the Commonwealth, first as a professor of chemistry at the University of Massachusetts, then through two decades of service in the state legislature, and now, for the past fifteen years, as a member of Congress. He represents Massachusetts’s First District – covering nearly one-third of the state – including all of Berkshire and Franklin, and much of Hampden, Hampshire, Worcester and Middlesex counties. An avid outdoorsman and environmentalist, John Olver’s commitment to historic and natural resources is boundless, and The Trustees and many other organizations are thankful for his leadership and support in Washington.

David Bryant is the Director of Urban Initiatives for The Trustees of Reservations.



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WINTER EVENTS!

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This family night hike will prove that our island is home to animals that fly, hoot and sometimes screech under the cover of darkness! Headlamps, spotlights, bat locators, moth attractors...all make for an interesting evening of exploration. *Members: Adult \$5; Child \$3. Nonmembers: Adult \$10; Child \$5.*

Thursdays, February 1, February 8, March 8 & March 15 | 3-3:45PM

Bundle Up Baby!

PARKER PROPERTY, VINEYARD HAVEN
508.693.7662

Children age 2-4 years, and their caregivers, are invited to enjoy themed preschool programs, which include a story, activity, and brief winter nature walk. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5/child/program.*

THROUGHOUT THE WINTER

Walk the Talk

The Trustees save the irreplaceable, for everyone, forever. Join us as we visit rarely seen private properties where preservation-minded owners have used conservation restrictions to protect a special landscape. *Pre-registration required, space is limited 508.693.7662. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$15.*

Saturday, January 20 | 1-3PM

Menemsha Hills Brickyard Hike

February and March | Check our website or call for locations, dates, and times

CENTRAL & CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY

Thursday, February 1 | 9AM

Campground Season Begins!

THURMAN LAKE CAMPGROUND, MONTAIGNEY
978.248.9455

It's never too early to think about vacation. February 1 is your first chance to book a favorite campsite for the upcoming season. Go to www.thetrustees.org for a campground map.

Friday, February 2 | 7-9PM

Under the Snow Moon

PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MILLER FOREST TRACT

Experience the snowy fields and forest of the Miller Forest Tract by the light of February's full "snow" moon on this guided snowshoe tour. *Ages 10 and up are welcome. Snowshoe rentals available at \$8/pair (thanks to Berkshire EMS) or bring your own. Call to rent snowshoes and to pre-register.*

Sunday, February 11 | 1-4PM

Snowshoe Trek and Track

LITTLE TOM ACQUISITION, BODYSKE
978.248.9455

Traverse the hills and fields of Little Tom on snowshoes while learning the art of animal tracking in the winter. *Snowshoe rentals available at \$8/pair (thanks to Berkshire EMS) or bring your own. Call to rent snowshoes and to pre-register.*

Saturday, March 24 | 9AM-4:30PM

Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

LANCROFT SCHOOL, WINDHAM
781.40.4448 x1921

Workshops, discussions, and informal conversations provide land trust board members, staff, volunteers, municipal commission members, and others interested in land conservation with timely information, skills, and connections. *Members & Nonmembers \$35.*



Saturday, January 27 | 12NOON-4PM

Peaked Mountain Winter Carnival

PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MILLER FOREST TRACT 978.248.9455

Bring the family for a day of old-fashioned winter fun. Enjoy ice skating on Lunden Pond, roasting marshmallows by the fire and guided snowshoeing with local naturalists. *FREE. Donations welcome.*



BOSTON NATURAL AREAS NETWORK

Check www.bostonnatural.org in January for dates and times

Sixth Annual Mush the Greenways

POPE JOHN PAUL II PARK, DORCHESTER & BELLE ISLE MARSH RESERVATION, EAST BOSTON

Learn about authentic dog sledding with a demonstration of harnessing and handling by experienced mushers, then experience a short sled ride along one of Boston's Greenways with a team of Alaskan Huskies!

Saturday, March 31 | 11AM-5PM

Gardeners Gathering

CURRY STUDENT CENTER, NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, BOSTON

The Gardeners Gathering is an annual celebration of community gardening packed with workshops, gardening and environmental programming information, Garden Awards, more. *FREE.* Walk-in registration day of event. For more information contact Boston Natural Areas Network at 617.542.7696 or email info@bostonnatural.org

GREATER BOSTON

Wednesday, February 14; Friday, February 16;

Saturday, February 17 | 6:30PM & 7:30PM

A Little Ro-Manse

Bring your sweetheart for a tour with Nathaniel Hawthorne, as he tells of the great romances of the house and reflects on his own writings about love. *Pre-registration required.* Members: \$10/couple. Nonmembers: \$20/couple. Includes a gift of chocolate!

Sunday, January 28 | 6-7:30PM

Winter Wonderland by Moonlight

Explore Bird Park and see how the animals and plants have adapted to yet another change in season, this time the harsh conditions of winter. Bring your snowshoes if there's snow! Hot beverages will follow. *Space is limited.* Please pre-register. *FREE.*

Sunday, January 28 | 6-7:30PM

Moonlight Hike

Enjoy the wonders of the woods on a winter night. Discover how animals and plants adapt to the cold. Bring your snowshoes if there's snow! Hot beverages will follow. *Space is limited.* Please pre-register. Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: \$3.

Sunday, February 11 | 10AM-NOON & 1-3PM

No-snow date | TO BE ANNOUNCED

Snowshoe Clinic

Come float on the snow and enjoy the special winter landscape at Bird Park. Snowshoes provided through a partnership with Eastern Mountain Sports in Canton. *Space is limited.* Please pre-register. *FREE.*

NORTHEAST

Sunday, January 7, February 4 & March 4 | 1-3PM

Beyond the Beach:

Winter Wildlife Walks

CRANE ESTATE, THE CRANE ESTATE, 175 BELLEVUE AVE.

The Crane Estate is an ecological treasure and perfect place for a stroll. Recommended for adults and children over 12. Bring binoculars. Meet at the Inn Gate at Castle Hill. *No registration.* Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: \$5 (parking).

Saturday, February 3 | 1-3PM

Snowy "Grass Rides"

APPLETON FAMILY FARM, 125 WICHAMILLTON, 78-1944 X8812

The Appleton family created wonderful trails through the Grass Rides. This winter walk includes visits to family memorials that formerly adorned Harvard's Gore Hall Library. Meet at Highland Street parking area. Members: *FREE.* Nonmembers: Adult \$5.

Wednesday, February 21 | 3-5PM

Cows in their Winter Homes

APPLETON FAMILY FARM, 125 WICHAMILLTON, 78-1944 X8812

When snow covers our pastures, the Appleton dairy herd loafs around the farmstead. Visit



Winter Escape

THE INN AT CASTLE HILL

THE CRANE ESTATE

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978.412.2555

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Members enjoy a 10% discount on room and food. All proceeds benefit the Crane Estate. Contact: info@thecraneestate.org

the cows up close and watch the afternoon milking. *Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$5. Nonmembers: Adults \$8.*

Saturday, February 24 | 1-3PM

Notable Trees and Shrubs for the Winter Landscape

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 781.771.1714 X8815

Winter's colors, textures, and forms can be seen in all their glory at Long Hill. Learn how to bring your garden to life in the winter with a few simple additions. *Limited participation. Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.*

Saturday, March 3 | 5-7PM

Full Moon Foray

HAVENWOOD PARK, GLOUCESTER

978.921.1944 X8815

The moonlit woodlands of Ravenswood in wintertime provide walkers a magical view of this special place. *Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adults \$5.*

Sunday, March 4 | 3-5PM

"Between Land and Sea: The Great Marsh"

Photo Lecture and Book Signing

CASTLE HILL, THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH

978.921.1944 X8815

Join fine art photographer Dorothy Kerper Monnelly as she unveils her newly published photographic journey of the Great Marsh in Ipswich. Author will be available to sign books. Refreshments. *Please pre-register. Co-sponsored by The Great Marsh Coalition. FREE to all.*

Sunday, March 18 | 8:30-10:30AM

Marsh Meander

CASTLE HILL, THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH

978.921.1944 X8815

Meander along our scenic marsh. View ship-building ruins and a historic cranberry bog site that reveal bygone times. Bring binoculars for wildlife and waterfowl viewing. *Meet at the Inn Gate at Castle Hill. Please pre-register. Members: \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$8.*

SOUTHEAST

Thursday, January 4 | 6:30-8PM

Children's Winter Program Registration

HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, HINGHAM

This is your first opportunity to sign up your child for winter programs including *Ecosplorations*, *Snowflakes*, *February Vacation Program* and *Family Full Moon Night Hike*. See descriptions below. For more information call 781.740.4796.

Saturday, January/February (DATE TBA)

9-11AM

Cross-Country Skiing

WOODBORO CLUB EXHIBIT, WOODBORO

WINTERVILLE FALL RIVER, MA 01874

Miles of wide, flat trails make Copicut Woods the perfect place for cross-country skiers of all ages and abilities. Exact date dependant on snow conditions. *Please pre-register. FREE.*

Winter Ecosplorations Afterschool Program

TURKEY HILL, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Winter doesn't have to be a break from exploration! Join us for this unique afterschool experience where we sharpen our observation skills in order to uncover the history and ecology of the land around us. *Please pre-register. Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$55.*

(AGES 5-6) Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13 | 3:30-5PM

(AGES 7-10) Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14 | 3:30-5PM

Mondays and Tuesdays through winter Cross-Country Skiing Club

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Our Rangers will introduce you to a new

place, new people and a new way to enjoy this season. Program is weather dependant and intended for beginners. *Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Admission to World's End.*

Snowflakes: Winter Preschool Outings

Bundle up and come outside! With a story and a hike we will search World's End and Turkey Hill for mysterious signs of winter life. *Please pre-register. Members: \$5 per child per class. Nonmembers: \$7 per child per class.*

(AGES 2-5) Wednesday, January 17 | 10-11AM

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

(AGES 2-5) Wednesday, February 14 | 10-11AM

TURKEY HILL, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Saturday, February 3 | 10AM

Winter Trees at World's End

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

World's End Ranger, Ryland Rogers, will teach you to unravel the mysteries of winter tree identification using clues such as bark, buds and tree shape. *Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Admission to World's End.*

Sunday, February 4 | 1-4PM

Ward Winter Wonderland

WARD RESERVATION, ANDOVER

Gentle hills, wooded trails and gorgeous vistas make the Ward Reservation the perfect place for sleds, skis and snowshoes throughout the winter. On this special day, we'll have cross-country and snowshoe instruction for beginners, tour guides to help you explore, and hot beverages available in the barn. If there's not enough snow, we'll go for a winter hike instead. *Co-sponsored by the Andover Trails Committee with support from Moor & Mountain. Equipment can be rented from Moor & Mountain, 13 Railroad Street, Andover. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Individual \$4, Family \$12.*



Sunday, February 4 | 1-3PM

Go Deep

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
BIORESERVE, FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Perambulate Copicut Woods' remote and seldom seen "wild side", the so-called Shockley Lot west of Yellow Hill Road, with Superintendent Mike Labossiere this SuperBowl Sunday. Please pre-register. FREE to all.

Saturday, February 17 | 9-11AM

Animal Tracking

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
BIORESERVE, FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Join Bill Sampson, senior keeper at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, to learn the art of tracking animals in winter. Please pre-register. FREE.

(AGES 4-7) Tuesday-Thursday, February 20-22
9AM-12NOON

February Vacation Program

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

Vacation equals exploration! With the leaves gone and a fresh dusting of snow we can look at the land and who is living here in a whole new light. Please pre-register. Members: \$75. Nonmembers: \$9

Saturday, February 24 | 12MIDNIGHT

Owl Prowl

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
BIORESERVE, FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Professor Bob Caron of Bristol Community College leads a late night walk in search of owls of the Bioreserve. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight. Please pre-register. FREE.

Thursday, March 1 | 6:30-8PM

Children's Spring Program Registration

HINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, HINGHAM

This is your first opportunity to sign up your child for *Spring Outings*, *Ecosplorations* and *April Vacation Programs*. For more information call 781.740.4796.

Friday, March 2 | 7-8:30PM

Full Moon Family Night Hike

WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM 781.740.4796

The open, quiet, winter forest surrounding the Farm is the perfect place for families to discover the sights and sounds of the season. Hot cocoa to follow. Please pre-register. FREE to all.

Saturday, March 3 | 9-11AM

Bluebird Nest Box Monitoring

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
BIORESERVE, FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

The Bioreserve provides breeding habitat for many rare species including Eastern Bluebirds, which nest in our volunteer-built boxes. Join Shelli Perry from the Westport River Watershed Alliance and help monitor our bluebird population. Please pre-register. FREE.

Saturday, March 10 | 9AM-12NOON

The Trustees of Reservations & REI Work Day

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM 781.740.7223

Join us for a morning of brush clearing and invasive plant control. We will be clearing along field edges to open vistas to Boston Harbor. Lunch and a FREE volunteer t-shirt provided. Please pre-register.

Spring Family Outings

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM, NOYKIS RESERVATION
HOPWELL WEIR RIVER FARM, HINGHAM
781.740.4796

Early spring is the perfect time to connect to your children while they connect to these special places. Share the natural wonders waiting at our local reservations. Please pre-register. Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$55.

(AGES 2-3) Tuesdays, March 13, 20, 27,
April 3, 10 | 3:30-5PM

(AGES 4-5) Wednesdays, March 14, 21, 28,
April 4, 11 | 3:30-5PM

Spring Ecosplorations Afterschool Program

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM, WEIR RIVER FARM,
HINGHAM, TURKEY HILL, HINGHAM COHASSET
781.740.4796

As the buds reappear, it is time to venture forth and explore our properties through this unique afterschool experience. Please pre-register. Members: \$40. Nonmembers: \$55.

(AGES 5-6) Wednesdays, March 14, 21, 28,
April 4, 11 | 3:30-5PM

(AGES 7-10) Tuesdays, March 13, 20, 27,
April 3, 10 | 3:30-5PM

Saturday, March 24 | 7-8PM

Woodcock Wanderings

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
BIORESERVE, FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Some guys will go to great lengths to attract members of the opposite sex. Witness the spectacular courtship display of the American Woodcock with Tom Athearn of Green Futures. Please pre-register. FREE.

Late March/early April, Date TBA | 9-10PM
Salamander Soirée

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS
BIORESERVE, FALL RIVER 508.679.2115

Vernal pools might not look like much, but for a few nights each spring these big puddles are teeming with the mating frenzy of wood frogs and spotted salamanders. Exact date dependent on weather conditions. Please pre-register. FREE.

Saturdays, February through March
11AM-4PM

Hot Chocolate Saturdays

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE,
ASHLEY FALLS 413.229.8600

Climb Hurlburt's Hill, then slip, slide, sled, ski or trek back to the warmth of our Visitor's Center and enjoy complimentary coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: FREE with admission fee.





Ski Notchview in Windsor

A WINTER'S DAY AT NOTCHVIEW IS LIKE A ROBERT FROST POEM: woodsy, full of wonder and well, frosty. Nestled in the Berkshire Hills, the 3,100-acre preserve of forests and fields is a prime cross-country skiing destination, featuring 35 kilometers of trails, snowshoe routes and warming huts, all anchored by the Budd Visitors Center.

NORDIC SKIING 2006 SEASON RATES

| | WEEKDAYS | WEEKENDS |
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| Members' (Individual or Family/Group) | \$100 | Full Season: \$1,200 (includes 100 days of skiing) Partial Season: \$600 (includes 50 days of skiing) |
| Nonmembers | 100 Days: \$100 50 Days: \$50 | 100 Days: \$100 50 Days: \$50 |
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*RATES AT BUDDS VISITORS CENTER. CANCELS OR REFUND POLICY SEE WEBSITE.

RACES, CLINICS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS

This season, an array of races and events are planned at Notchview's nordic center. All events are open to the public, as both participants and spectators, except high school and collegiate races (spectators only). Also, on race days, non-course trails and backcountry terrain remain open; all trails usually clear by NOON. **For more information call 413.684.0148.**

Saturday December 23 | 9AM (OTHER DATES TBA)

Berkshire Trails Nordic Ski Club Races

Join the fun with this informal series of low-key races (5K and 10K), designed to keep the competitive juices flowing. Trustees members \$10. Berkshire Trails members \$10. Dual Membership FREE. Nonmembers \$20.

Women's Nordic Ski Clinics

Times by arrangement with instructor Jeanne Mangan 413.634.2123. A chance for women to improve their skills in an encouraging environment. *Limit of 8 women per clinic. Pre-registration required. Members \$40. Nonmembers \$50.*

Saturday, January 6 | 10AM-3PM

Winter Trails Day

Enjoy free enticements, from trail passes and two-hour snowshoe tryouts to ski lessons for all abilities (ski rentals can be arranged.) *Trail pass rates for non-participants apply. Quantities of snowshoes are limited.*

Wednesday, January 31 & Thursday, March 2 | 7-9PM

Moonlight Ski

A Notchview tradition and a great way to socialize. Cider, popcorn, and conversation afterwards. *Members FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$10, Child \$2.*

Saturday, January 20 & February 3 | MORNING

Berkshire League High School Races

Sunday, February 4 | MEN 10AM, WOMEN 11AM

TD Banknorth Eastern Cup

Test your mettle against some of the top racers in the nation, or cheer the field on from the sidelines. *Register at www.ne.sanc.org*

Tuesday, February 13 | MORNING

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletics Association Championships

The best high school racers in the state will be vying for top honors.

Saturday & Sunday, February 17 & 18 | MORNINGS

U.S. Collegiate Ski Association Races

University teams from throughout the region compete.

Saturday, March 10 | 9AM (BAD WEATHER CANCELS. CALL AHEAD)

Bread 'n' Jam Race

The 10 Km event, co-hosted by TTOR and BTNSC, marks its 20th birthday. Home baked goods as prizes. TTOR or BTNSC members \$10. Dual Membership FREE. Nonmembers \$20.

IN MEMORIAM

Joan Egleston Appleton

(1912–2006)

It was all a little unlikely: At 23, she preferred farm clothes, size 15 Wellington boots and a jolly old hairy pony. He, many years her senior, favored full hunting kit and an impeccable thoroughbred. But in 1935, Joan Egleston and Frank Appleton wed – and she joined him in a lifelong passion for a farm that was already three centuries old.

By Martha Eddison

APPLETON FARM

When she died in January 2006, Appleton Farms was still her home and her focus, an incomparable property she and her husband protected forever through an extraordinarily generous gift of land to The Trustees.

"The Colonel," as Frank was known, loved his family's ancient homestead, but spent much of his time in New York working as a lawyer to pay for it. Very tall, slender, big boned, with an unfailing sense of humor, Joan had been raised in rural England and spent every minute she could on the farm, knee-deep in real chores. The couple had no children, and over the years the farm came to absorb her completely.

After Frank's death in 1974, the task of running the 1,000-acre property fell entirely to Joan. Upkeep became increasingly difficult. To her unending dismay, in the 1980s she was obliged to close the longstanding dairy operation. Eventually, she concluded that the best way to preserve the farm, as she and Frank had always intended, was by signing her life interest in most of the property over to The Trustees, reserving 100 acres for her own use.

"She kept mainly to herself," says Wayne Castonguay, The Trustees' General Manager for Appleton Farms. "But she would always come out to our events, and she was just so happy to see the farm come alive again – especially to see kids enjoying it and getting to know the animals. She knew every cow individually, and came to see every new calf when it was born."

As cousin and lifelong friend Susanna Colleredo-Mansfeld explains, "Even more than she loved the land, Joan was always about the animals"; by the end of her life, she had accumulated

a personal menagerie of more than 50 pets, including dogs, cats, ponies, goats, rabbits, ducks, geese, chickens, guinea hens, parrots and monkeys. Her house was completely surrounded by their cages and pens. Almost until the end, Joan would climb on her tractor to mow the trails on her own 100 acres. Rising hours before sunrise, she would often take a walk not only with

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her devoted dogs, but with her entire animal family, even those famously unherdable creatures known as cats.

Because Appleton Farms is such a large, uninterrupted landscape, it was one of the first places that coyotes reemerged in Massachusetts. Joan studied their habits carefully, and if they sometimes preyed on her ducks, she was understanding – perhaps

because the coyotes thoughtfully routed an army of ground-hogs that had been ravaging the farm for years.

Joan Appleton had come from a privileged family in England and married into the upper reaches of North Shore society. But "none of the other women around here were like her," says Susanna with wry understatement. Joan was a farmer at heart. As Wayne Castonguay observes, "I've never met anyone who could read the land so well, who was so connected to a place." Through her great generosity, the rest of us now have a chance to be connected to her beloved farm as well.

THE SEMPER VIRENS SOCIETY

If you have planned a legacy for The Trustees,
let us know so that we may welcome you to the
SEMPER VIRENS SOCIETY.

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